IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

TUESDAY, THE 6TH NOVEMBER 2007 / 15TH KARTHIKA 1929

WP(C).No. 32734 of 2007(V)

PETITIONER:

THAHAKOYA, AGED 60 YEARS,
VAZHAYIL HOUSE, HOUSE NO.29, PALLIKKEEZHU NAGAR,
KUREEPUZHA, KOLLAM.

BY ADV. SRI.C.R.SIVAKUMAR
SMT.G.VIDYA

RESPONDENT:

THE UNION OF INDIA,
REPRESENTED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT,GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
THARAKANDAM CENTRE, BANRJI ROAD, COCHIN-18.

BY CGSC SRI.S.KRISHNAMOORTHY

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 06/11/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.
==========
W.P.(C) NO. 32734 OF 2007 V
==========

Dated this the 6th day of November, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The prayers made in this writ petition are for completion of the investigation ordered by the respondent against the petitioner on an expeditious basis and to permit an advocate to appear for and on behalf of the petitioner in connection with the said investigation.

2. Learned standing counsel for the respondent would submit that on the materials that are now collected, interrogation of the petitioner is necessary and that as and when his presence is required, petitioner will be summoned. It is also submitted that the whole investigation will be completed within a period of two months. Though the respondent do not object to the presence of a lawyer when the petitioner is interrogated, the respondent is rightly objecting to the plea of the petitioner that he should be allowed to be represented by a lawyer. In the matter of investigation, the request, as made, cannot be allowed.

However, as agreed by the respondent, the petitioner will be permitted to have the presence of a lawyer when he is interrogated.

Recording the above submissions, writ petition is closed.

ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE.

Rp